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Annwyl / Dear Councillor Mitchell

Environmental Scrutiny Committee 15th September 2015

Thank you for your letter in relation to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2015.

Please see information below on the Draft Parking Strategy, Problem and Nuisance Parking and Quarter 1 performance for City Operations as requested.

Draft Parking Strategy 2015 & Cabinet response to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report titled 'Problem & Nuisance Parking in Cardiff'

An explanation was given at the meeting in relation to creating parking buffer zones in the areas around the city centre. I welcome the Committee's support for the principle of parking buffer zones and for promoting this flexible approach in conjunction with a review of the existing parking situation in area covered by the Greener Grangetown project. Engagement with residents will be led by the Greener Grangetown project team. Local Members will be consulted in advance of this process to agree the detailed arrangements.

Please see attached information regarding the Civil Parking Enforcement's contribution to revenue budgets as requested. The table shows the level of contribution and the current budgets that this supports. There is no specific allocation to specific areas. It should be noted that on top of this contribution that all CPE activity and equipment is funded including lines and sign improvements for enforcement. The provision and removal of disabled bays for residents in the City is also funded in addition to the contribution.

I can advise that the enforcement of zig zag lines is one of a number of measures being brought in as part of the Moving Traffic Offences Scheme supported by an enforcement car. The car has been patrolling the streets since 14 July issuing warning notices to drivers. Enforcement by the car commenced on 15 September and 103 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued to date on

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zig zags up to 09 October 2015. The car is currently targeting schools both in mornings and afternoons during school days.

Outside these hours, the enforcement team are utilising the car to gather information about problem areas to allow enforcement activity to be targeted. It should be noted that only offences that are instant offences, such as parking on zig zags or parking in a bus bay can be processed directly by the enforcement car. Other parking offences need to be witnessed by Civil Enforcement Officers as they need to address aspects such as blue badges, loading / unloading etc.

As requested, I can confirm that the Committee will be kept informed of new applications of camera cars and other technology for the purposes of enforcement.

I am pleased to have the Committee's support in principle for the review of survey requirements for the creation or extension of residential parking schemes. However, it is important that we adopt a case-by-case approach to proposals as conditions and pressures, can vary greatly in different areas of the city. For instance, the uptake of permits in adjacent residential areas may be helpful in providing an indication of the potential demand for a new or extended residents' scheme. For this reason, we feel the criteria for decision-making requires careful thought, and we would welcome the use of focus groups in their development. I will fully involve Members in this process and provide briefing on the procedures which emerge from it. This will help to ensure that a sensible balance can be achieved and that one stakeholder group is not unfairly affected by proposals. For example, in residential areas adjoining district and local retail centres it will be important to strike a balance between meeting residents' needs and making appropriate provision for short stay parking and servicing to support local businesses.

I am aware that Cardiff Bus has developed a promotional initiative with a number of local retail, catering and other business outlets to offer discounts to iff card users. I will write to Cardiff Bus to ask whether promotions of this kind could be extended to other ticket holders. I will also write to other transport operators to ask them to explore the scope for similar promotions for the users of their services.

I am most grateful for the Committee's work in producing the 'Problem & Nuisance Parking in Cardiff' report and the positive impact of its recommendations upon our operations on the ground and the contents of the new Parking Strategy.

City Operations – Quarter 1 Performance

Thank you for your support in working with us on the Bus Station to ensure that scrutiny of the proposals will take place in advance of any decisions being taken.

We can confirm that the Scrutiny meeting on 13 October covered the changes taking place in the planning service, along with how the Planning Service is setting out a new performance improvement agenda in response to all prevailing factors.

As requested, please see attached a copy of the Mitigation Plan. To ensure that the 2015/16 budget challenges are properly managed, the current projected shortfall is £666k and I have asked that the Directorate management Team continue to work hard to achieve a balanced budget.

You requested a list of all current restructures and refreshes which are taking place within the City Operations. In terms of current proposals for reshaping services, obviously the most pressing work relates to the development of ambitious proposals that deliver successful ADM proposals or in-house comparators. This is taking a considerable amount of effort and engagement across the directorate at present. The timescale for the outcome of this work will be presented early in 2016. More generally, whatever the outcome of this process, there will need to be a programme of work to take forward the realigning of the directorate services against more demanding service performance targets, digital integration and ensuring longer term budgetary stability. This work will run in parallel with the ADM / In-house proposals.

Thank you again for your time, advice and support on these matters.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,



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